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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Mike Moseley

RE: Appointment of Director of Clinical Policy

I am extremely pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Michael S. Lancaster as Chief of Clinical Policy for the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. He will begin his duties on June 14, 2004.

Dr. Lancaster is the first person to be appointed to the newly created position of Chief of Clinical Policy, which will provide clinical leadership in all disability areas for state and local mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse programs. This includes state-operated programs and facilities and clinical care provided by or through local area programs/management entities. The articulation of the state's vision for excellent clinical care, providing leadership regarding the quality and effectiveness of mh/dd/sa service delivery, will be at the forefront of Dr. Lancaster's agenda. In addition, he will assist in the development of continuum of care, integrating inpatient and outpatient services and strengthening the clinical relationship between the public, private and academic sectors.



Since 1992, Dr. Lancaster has served as Regional Medical Director at ValueOptions, Inc. in the Research Triangle Park. He also maintains a private practice. From 1982-92, he worked at Holly Hill Hospital in Raleigh, serving as a medical staff member and as Clinical Director of Child and Adolescent Services from 1989-92. Dr. Lancaster is Board-certified in adult, child and adolescent psychiatry.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Lancaster to the Division and to the statewide mh/dd/sa family.

Cc: Carmen Hooker Odom

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